

XI.—THE INDIAN BLACK EAGLE (*ICTINAËTUS MALAYANUS PERNIGER* HODGS.) IN SALSETTE.

In Mr. Ali's paper on the Birds of Bombay and Salsette a few doubtful records are given of the occurrence of this eagle in Salsette; a specimen was shot at Virar on Saturday the 14th January 1940 by Mr. G. B. Kotwal. The head and legs were sent to the Society. A second specimen was observed by Mr. C. McCann at Andheri on the 25th March 1940.

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S. H. PRATER,
Curator.

XII.—EGGS OF YELLOW-WATTLED LAPWING
[*LOBIPLUVIA MALABARICA* (BODD.)]

With reference to Stuart Baker's interesting note on what is known as the erythristic type of egg of this bird (*Journal*; vol. xxxv, p. 250), it may be of interest to record that I have a clutch of 2 eggs of this type taken near Mysore City on 9-6-36 and another clutch of 3 from Mavinahalla at the foot of the Northern slopes of the Nilgiris taken on 23-6-38. Both these localities provided eggs of the normal type also. Of a number of clutches found near Gundlupet in South Mysore all were of normal colouration except one which can best be described as a medial form between the normal and the red.

On p. 48 of vol. xl Mr. Betts also records the occurrence of the erythristic type in Coorg, so apparently its distribution is considerably wider than previously supposed.

KALHATTI,
NILGIRIS.
March 5, 1940.

E. G. PHYTHIAN-ADAMS,
Major I. A. Retired.

XIII.—PARTIAL ALBINISM IN A CHUKOR (*ALECTORIS GRAECA*).

(With a photo)

It may interest you to know that when shooting Chukor recently in Swat I shot rather an unusual Chukor which had white feathers on its wings as follows:—

Right wing—3 outer primaries pure white.

Left wing—9 outer primaries pure white.

Also some of the primary coverts.

There was also a large patch of white feathers on the upper breast, and some of the claws on both feet were yellowish white.

This bird got up three times and went forward in front of the guns before I eventually shot it and the tracer with me at once

recognised it as a bird which they had seen on the same ground last year.

I took some photos of this bird which have not yet been developed; and I have skinned the left wing which I could send you if you are sufficiently interested.



I may add that the other three guns, all of whom have had great experience of chukor shooting, agreed that they had never seen a similar example of unusual colouring among chukor.

HEADQUARTERS,
PESHAWAR BRIGADE,
PESHAWAR.

R. C. MACNAMARA,
Major.

February 16, 1940.

XIV.—THE BRONZE-CAPPED TEAL (*EUNETTA FALCATA*) IN THE AMBALLA DISTRICT.

I thought that it might be of interest to your Society to record that on February 15th my wife shot a male Bronze-capped Teal (*Eumetta falcata*) on a hill some 20 miles north of Karnal. The bird was in company with a party of about 15 other duck which were taken to be Gadwall. One other bird was shot out of this party and at a quick glance was taken to be a female Gadwall; in view, however, of the close resemblance which the female Bronze-capped bears to the female Gadwall, it is possible that an error of identification occurred, and that the whole party were Bronze-capped Teal. The female was, unfortunately, given away and a more detailed examination was not possible.